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Washington, D.C. 20423  
Attn: Rini Ghosh  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in support of the proposed Vulcan Materials quarry to be located in Medina County, Texas.

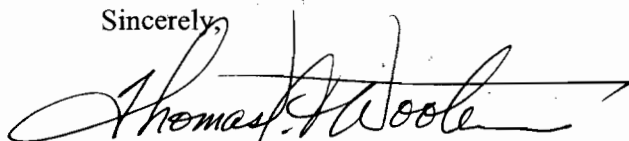
I am the President and C.E.O. of Community National Bank in Hondo and have been a Medina County resident for more than 19 years. My wife and I own a home just a few miles west of the proposed quarry site. I was a founding Director of the Medina Economic Development Foundation, and am a past member of the Hondo Airport Advisory Board, as well as past President and Director of both the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce and Hondo Lions Club, among others.

In all my years as a leader of this community I have seldom, if ever, encountered an economic development opportunity as attractive as that which is represented by the proposed Vulcan Materials quarry. With a proposal to create as many as 150 new jobs, Vulcan may well become the largest private employer in Medina County. The enhancement of the tax base for the County and the local school district will bring much-needed funds to local budgets, not to mention ancillary improvements such as a rail line and the paving of several miles of County roads.

Further, I am convinced that Vulcan Materials has been and will continue to be a model corporate citizen. In my mind, the potential advantages of the proposed quarry to Medina County and its citizens and businesses far outweigh any possible inconveniences to surrounding landowners.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you give favorable consideration to Vulcan's application for a quarry in Medina County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas C. Wooten